GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3558
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RESTAURANTS IN GREEN AREAS OF DELHI
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:

(a): whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the newsitem captioned `No more eating joints in green areas, says Jagmohan` appearing in the Times of India November 18, 2000;

(b): if so, the facts of the matter reported therein;

(c): the details of eating joints at present in green areas; and

(d): the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a)to(d): Government are aware of the report in question. Government have decided that, henceforth, as a policy, no restaurant should be allowed in the green areas in Delhi. If any exception has to be made, it should be made only in those cases where there is no habitation - residential or commercial - within 300 metres of the park. Even in cases, where exception is considered, only small kiosks should be allowed. Such kiosks should be allowed to serve only soft drinks, tea and coffee and snacks which go with such drinks. No liquor licence should be given in any case. The working hours of the kiosks should correspond to the timing of the opening and closing of the park. Government are reviewing each case, where permission presently exists, in the light of the aforesaid policy.